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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Opta Food Ingredients, Inc. of Bedford, Massachusetts, and to American Maize-Products Company of Hammond, Indiana, co-exclusive licenses to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/991,811 filed December 17, 1992, "Starch-Natural Gum Composite Compositions as Thickening and Suspending Agents." Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 1993.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 401, Building 005, BARC-West, Baltimore Boulevard, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Opta Food Ingredients, Inc. and American Maize-Products Company have submitted complete and sufficient applications for a license. The prospective co-exclusive licenses will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective co-exclusive licenses may be granted unless, within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, the

Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the licenses would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

R.M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-038-1]

International Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standard-Setting Activities

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with legislation implementing the Uruguay Round of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade, we are informing the public of international standard-setting activities of the Office International des Epizooties and the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention, and we are soliciting public comment on the standards to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 95-038-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state in your letter that your comments refer to Docket No. 95-038-1, and state the name of the committee or working group to which your comments are addressed. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Douglas Barnett, Assistant Director, International Activities, International Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 67, Riverdale, MD 20737-1233, (301) 734-8892; or Mr. John Greifer, Trade

Support Team, International Services, APHIS, room 1128, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Legislation implementing the Uruguay Round of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (the Uruguay Round Agreements Act) was signed into law (Pub. L. 103-465) by the President on December 8, 1994. The Uruguay Round Agreements Act amended title IV of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2531 *et seq.*) by adding a new subtitle F, "International Standard-Setting Activities." Subtitle F requires the President to designate an agency to be responsible for informing the public of the sanitary and phytosanitary standard-setting activities of each international standard-setting organization. The designated agency must inform the public by publishing a notice in the **Federal Register** no later than June 1 of each year, which provides the following information: (1) The sanitary or phytosanitary standards under consideration or planned for consideration by the international standard-setting organization; and (2) for each sanitary or phytosanitary standard specified, a description of the consideration or planned consideration of the standard; whether the United States is participating or plans to participate in the consideration of the standard; the agenda for United States participation, if any; and the agency responsible for representing the United States with respect to the standard.

Subtitle F defines "international standard" as a standard, guideline, or recommendation: (1) Adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission regarding food safety; (2) developed under the auspices of the International Office of Epizootics regarding animal health and zoonoses; (3) developed under the auspices of the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention in cooperation with the North American Plant Protection Organization regarding plant health; or (4) established by or developed under any other international organization agreed to by the member countries of the North American Free Trade Agreement or by member countries of the World Trade Organization.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was created in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food

and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization. It is the major international organization for encouraging international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of customers.

The Office International des Epizooties (OIE) was created in Paris, France, in 1924, with the signing of an international agreement by 28 countries. Today, 143 countries are members. The OIE facilitates intergovernmental cooperation to prevent the spread of contagious diseases in animals, assists in the development of animal production through improved health information, and shares scientific progress among its members. The OIE provides the major international forum for discussion and agreement on recommendations and proposals on topics such as disease control, technical cooperation, trade standards, and the exchange of research and disease information.

The Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) was established within the FAO in 1952 in response to demands from members for development of global standards for plant quarantine. The IPPC works with plant protection organizations at national and regional levels, including the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO), to harmonize plant quarantine activities worldwide, facilitate the dissemination of phytosanitary information, strengthen international cooperation, and support technical assistance to developing countries.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) was established on January 1, 1995, as the common international institution for the conduct of trade relations among the members in matters related to the Uruguay Round of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade. U.S. membership in the WTO was approved by Congress when it enacted the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The President, pursuant to Proclamation No. 6780 of March 23, 1995 (60 FR 15845), designated the Secretary of Agriculture as the official responsible for informing the public of the sanitary and phytosanitary standard-setting activities of each international standard-setting organization. This responsibility has been delegated to the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Codex activities, and to the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for OIE and IPPC activities.

Accordingly, in this notice, APHIS announces the following OIE and IPPC (including NAPPO) activities related to

international standards. The United States is a participant in each of the following activities and APHIS is the agency responsible for representing the United States with respect to these standards. In some cases, working groups and committees have not yet set meeting dates and places or determined specific standards to be discussed. Also, because working groups and the issues they address are not static, this list may not present a complete picture of the OIE and IPPC sanitary and phytosanitary standard-setting activities during the coming year.

1. *Committee/Working Group:* Standards Commission of the OIE

Agency Participant: Dr. James Pearson
General Purpose: Establish standards for methods of diagnosing animal disease and testing biologics used for control programs.

Dates of Meetings: September 19–22, 1995, February 1996

Location of Meetings: Paris, France

Major Discussion/Agenda: Review of OIE reference laboratories; diagnostic test standardization; OIE reference sera; laboratory quality assurance; review of new edition of *OIE Manual of Standards of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines*; provide advice to OIE Animal Health Code Commission

2. *Committee/Working Group:* OIE General Session

Agency Participant(s): Dr. Lonnie King (delegate); Dr. Alex Thiermann (alternate delegate and coordinator)

General Purpose: Establish and adopt international standards dealing with animal health.

Date of Meeting: May 1996

Location of Meeting: Paris, France

Major Discussion/Agenda: Animal health standards as they relate to trade; including risk assessment standards (including criteria for evaluating veterinary infrastructure) and regionalization

3. *Committee/Working Group:* IPPC Certification Standards

Agency Participant: Mr. Robert Griffin
General Purpose: Development of standards for phytosanitary certification.

Date of Meeting: To be announced

Location of Meeting: To be announced

Major Discussion/Agenda: Model certification system

4. *Committee/Working Group:* IPPC Inspection Methodologies Standards

Agency Participant: Mr. Robert Griffin
General Purpose: Development of standards for inspection methodology.

Date of Meeting: To be announced

Location of Meeting: To be announced
Major Discussion/Agenda: Statistical basis for inspection

5. *Committee/Working Group:* IPPC/ Foreign Agricultural Organization Working Group on Pest Risk Analysis

Agency Participant: Mr. Richard Orr
General Purpose: Development of international standards for pest risk analysis.

Date of Meeting: To be announced

Location of Meeting: To be announced
Major Discussion/Agenda: To be announced

Other: The following standards have been completed in draft form:

Standards for Pest Categorization (Bangkok, Thailand, Sept. 1994); standards for determining whether an organism qualifies as a quarantine pest.

Standards on Economic Impact Assessment (Ottawa, Canada, Nov. 1994); standards for performing an economic evaluation, including environmental and social impacts) within a pest risk assessment.

Standards on the Probability of Introduction (Geneva, Switzerland, Jan. 1995); standards for determining the probability of introduction (entry resulting in establishment) of a pest.

Standard on Risk Management (Yokohama, Japan, Mar. 1995); standards for making risk management decisions based on data from quarantine pest risk assessments.

6. *Committee/Working Group:* NAPPO Biological Control Committee

Agency Participant: Dr. Dale Meyerdirk

General Purpose: Facilitate cooperation among NAPPO member countries regarding biological control issues, through information exchange, coordination, and harmonization of recommendations, regulations, and guidelines.

Date of Meeting: February 19–13, 1996

Location of Meeting: Mexico
Major Discussion/Agenda: To be announced

7. *Committee/Working Group:* NAPPO Fruit Tree and Grapevine Nursery Stock Certification Standards Panel

Agency Participant: Dr. Joseph Foster
General Purpose: Set minimum standards for pathogen testing and propagation of fruit trees and grapevines so certified nursery stock can be shipped safely throughout North America.

Date of Meeting: June 21–24, 1995

Location of Meeting: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Major Discussion/Agenda: Pathogen lists for each crop and pathogen testing procedures for quarantine programs

8. Committee/Working Group: NAPPO Working Group

Agency Participant: Mr. Robert Griffin
General Purpose: Provide general leadership, director, and support to NAPPO activities.

Date of Meeting: July and October, 1995; January and April, 1996

Location of Meeting: To be announced

Major Discussion/Agenda: All new and ongoing NAPPO business, including standards

9. Committee/Working Group: NAPPO Ad Hoc Irradiation Panel

Agency Participant: Mr. Robert Griffin
General Purpose: Develop NAPPO standards for the application of irradiation to phytosanitary problems.

Date of Meeting: To be announced

Location of Meeting: To be announced

Major Discussion/Agenda: Continuing development of trilateral policy

10. Committee/Working Group: NAPPO Ad Hoc Fruit Flies Panel

Agency Participant: Mr. Michael Stefan and Mr. Alan Green
General Purpose: Develop quarantine pest list for NAPPO region; develop NAPPO standards for monitoring fruit fly species; develop NAPPO standard for phytosanitary measures.

Date of Meeting: To be announced

Location of Meeting: To be announced

Major Discussion/Agenda: Regional pest list; monitoring standards; phytosanitary measures standards; rationale on how to proceed with issues not of direct concern to one of the three members

11. Committee/Working Group: NAPPO Pest Risk Analysis Panel

Agency Participant: Dr. Matthew Royer
General Purpose: To implement NAPPO pest risk analysis standard.

Date of Meeting: October 1995

Location of Meeting: Saskatchewan, Canada

Major Discussion/Agenda: To be announced

12. Committee/Working Group: NAPPO Executive Committee

Agency Participant: Mr. Alfred S. Elder

General Purpose: To harmonize plant quarantine regulations and import requirements among Canada, Mexico, and the United States

Date of Meeting: August 15, 1995; October 1995; April 1996

Location of Meeting: Saskatchewan, Canada; Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Major Discussion/Agenda: Standards

development process; area freedom standard; pest surveillance/monitoring standard; pest risk analysis standard.

Comments on standards being considered or to be considered by any of the committees or working groups listed above may be sent to us as directed under the heading **ADDRESSES**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of May 1995.

Terry L. Medley

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Forest Service

Olympic Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Olympic PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on June 21, 1995 at the Olympic Natural Resources Center, 1455 S. Forks Avenue, Forks, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review Long Term Vision from May meeting; (2) Discuss and Identify Tasks and Working Groups; (3) Review Watershed Analysis Priority Criteria—Recommend criteria for PIEC; (4) Intergovernmental Data and Information Sharing; (5) Adaptive Management Area Planning; (6) Summary of Ecosystem Research in the Hoh; (7) Open public forum. All Olympic Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Kathy Snow, Province Liaison, USDA, Quilcene Ranger District, P.O. Box 280, Quilcene, WA 98376, (36) 765-2211 or Ronald R. Humphrey, Forest Supervisor, at (360) 956-2301.

Dated: May 24, 1995.

Ronald R. Humphrey,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Open Meeting Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Council was established in December 1991 to advise and assist the Secretary of Commerce in the development and implementation of the comprehensive management plan for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

TIME AND PLACE: June 20, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. until adjournment. The meeting location will be at the Hawk's Cay Resort, Mile Marker 61, Duck Key, Florida.

AGENDA:

1. Elect new officers.
2. Outline procedures for the advisory council's involvement in the review of draft management plan.
3. Schedule next meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation. Public comment will be received from 11:30 until noon and 4:30 to 5:30. Seats will be set aside for the public and the media. Seats will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Cradick at (305) 743-2437.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429, Marine Sanctuary Program.

Dated: May 25, 1995.

David L. Evans,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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Permits; Foreign Fishing

In accordance with a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of State, the National Marine Fisheries Service publishes for public review and comment summaries of applications received by the Secretary of State requesting permits for foreign fishing vessels to operate in the exclusive